

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 08-1225

DWAYNE DOBBINS,
PETITIONER,

VS.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF
ARKANSAS; DAVID PRYOR,
CHAIRMAN OF DEMOCRATIC
PARTY; MARIAH HATTA,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
DEMOCRATIC PARTY; CHARLIE
DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE;
PULASKI COUNTY ELECTION
COMMISSION; KENT WALKER,
PULASKI COUNTY ELECTION
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN;
MARTHA MCCASKILL, PULASKI
COUNTY ELECTION
COMMISSIONER; AND OZELL
SNIDER, PULASKI COUNTY
ELECTION COMMISSIONER,
RESPONDENTS,

Opinion Delivered October 22, 2008

MOTION FOR WRIT OF
MANDAMUS, INJUNCTION, AND
DECLARATORY RELIEF

MOTION TO EXPEDITE HEARING

MOTION TO EXPEDITE GRANTED;
BRIEFING ORDERED.

PER CURIAM

MOTIONS — MOTION TO EXPEDITE — GRANTED. — Where petitioner moved the court for a writ of mandamus, injunction, and declaratory relief, requesting the supreme court to direct the respondents to certify him and to place him on the ballot for the position of State Representative, District 39, and further moved to expedite the hearing of his petition, the supreme court granted the motion to expedite and ordered briefing in the matter; because the supreme court took judicial notice of the fact that early voting had already begun in Pulaski County and the ballots had already been printed, the court further ordered the parties to address, in addition to any issues raised or addressed by them, the practicality of placing petitioner on the ballot should his petition be meritorious.

Morris and Associates, P.A., by: Jimmy C. Morris, Jr., for petitioner.

Petitioner Dwayne Dobbins moves this court for a writ of mandamus, injunction, and declaratory relief, and further moves to expedite the hearing of his petition. In his petition, Dobbins prays that this court direct the respondents to certify him and to place him on the ballot for the position of State Representative, District 39.

We grant Dobbins's motion to expedite and hereby order briefing in the matter. Simultaneous briefs by the parties shall be filed no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2008. No reply briefs will be permitted. Because we take judicial notice of the fact that early voting has already begun in Pulaski County and the ballots have already been printed, we further order the parties to address, in addition to any issues raised or addressed by them, the practicality of placing Dobbins on the ballot at this late date should his petition be meritorious.

Motion to expedite granted; briefing ordered.

WILLS, J., not participating.